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**The International Association of Chiefs of Police** has recently recognized the **Franklin Police Department** as having the best child passenger safety program in the U.S. Last year, specially trained Franklin Police Officers checked more than 287 child safety seats. The Department gave away more than 36 car seats to replace recalled, defective, and expired seats that children were riding in. **The Department's Traffic Unit was also awarded second place, overall, in the United States for agencies with 101-200 sworn officers. The win is the Department's second consecutive, after winning third place in the Nation in 2009.**

Last week, the **Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved two personal days for full time employees** to be used during the 2010-11 fiscal year. The Board granted these days as a "thank you" to the City team for your many efforts over the past year during these challenging economic times. The Board specifically noted the extra efforts that took place and continue to take place in response to the historic storm and flooding in May of this year. The scheduling of the personal days is subject to approval from your supervisor and must be used between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Again, thank you for all you do!

**City Arborist, Todd Snackenber** recently gave a presentation to the **Franklin Breakfast Rotary**. The presentation included information about the City's disc golf course at Liberty Park, the tree farm at The Park at Harlinsdale, and the City's tree inventory of the downtown character area.

Next Thursday, July 8, the **Live Green Business Partnership** will hold the first "**Green Mixer**" at **Whole Foods in Cool Springs from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Sustainability Commission Chairperson Ken Scalf will speak about City initiatives including curbside recycling, business cardboard recycling and a resolution requiring new municipal building projects to pursue LEED Silver certification. Michael Martin from Whole Foods will talk about their green mission, recycling and composting.

On Friday, July 9 the **Parks and Solid Waste Department** are joining forces to celebrate the launch of the **City's first curbside recycling program, BlueBag**. The Parks Department is showing their movie in the park at Pinkerton Park. Prior to the movie, beginning at 6:00 p.m., folks can get an up-close look at the new BlueBag recycling trucks and meet "Buddy BlueBag" the recycling mascot and get a free blue bag. Mix 92.9 will be there with music and free popcorn. The movie will start about 8:00 p.m.

July 12, the City is holding a second **public forum at 6:30 in the City Hall Boardroom on the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP)**. At the public forum on July 12, citizens will be able to see a brief presentation about the status of the Integrated Water Resources Plan which includes modeling of the various water components and how they affect each other. Attendees will have an opportunity to speak with many of the participants in the process, including City officials, Representatives from the consultant team, and various stakeholders.

Don't forget **The Park at Harlinsdale** for the perfect spot to watch the **Fourth of July Fireworks**. The park will open at 7:30 with the fireworks beginning about 9:00 p.m. The Franklin on the Fourth festival starts at noon, with **Lorrie Morgan** entertaining the crowds about 7:15. For more information go to [www.franklintn.gov](http://www.franklintn.gov) and check out the spotlight section.

**Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!**

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